

In recognition of her leadership in promoting advanced understanding of HIV/AIDS pharmacotherapy at the National Institutes of Health (NIH) Clinical Center this year's award was presented to one of our civil service pharmacists, Alice K. Pau, PharmD.

Dr. Pau received her BS in Pharmacy at the University of Houston in 1978 and her Pharm. D at the University of Michigan in 1983. She completed a clinical residency at the University of Illinois Hospital in 1984. From 1985-1996 she served in various academic capacities, Pharmacy Residency Program Director, Assistant Clinical Coordinator, and Academic Coordinator for the Virginia West Side Medical Center. She joined the NIH Clinical Center in 1997 as the Clinical Pharmacy Specialist for the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Disease (NIAID) intramural patient care. In May 2003, she joined the NIAID as a staff clinician and currently is the only NIAID pharmacist serving in that capacity.

She is an expert consultant, educator and clinician in HIV/AIDS pharmaceutical care. She actively participates in NIAID clinical ward and teaching rounds, outpatient clinic activities relating to HIV/AIDS patient care, lectures, consultations, and numerous collaborations with extramural colleagues. In accordance with her demonstrated expertise in this area, Dr. Pau was appointed to the Panel on Clinical Practice for Treatment of HIV Infections, Department of Health and Human Service in 1998. In August of 2003, she was selected to serve as Executive Secretary of this panel, a position formerly reserved for physicians only.

In the NIAID outpatient setting alone in 2004, there were 5007 NIAID outpatient HIV visits totaling 606 patients. Dr. Pau personally responds to all consultation requests and medication related inquiries related to these HIV patients. In October 2004, after one year under the direct and steadfast leadership of Dr. Pau, a totally revised update of the "DHHS Guidelines for Use of Antiretroviral Agents in HIV-1-Infected Adults and Adolescents" was published on the AIDSINFO.nih.gov website. This task would not have been possible without Dr. Pau's diligence and perseverance. There was 167,000 downloads within 10 days of its release, followed by a request from the Australian HIV Society to adapt these guidelines. In addition, the Vietnamese and Chinese HIV treatment guidelines committees also consulted this panel to assist them in formulation of their respective guidelines.

Dr. Pau is a fellow of The American Society of Health Systems Pharmacists (

ASHP), a member of the Board of Directors of the Society of Infectious Diseases Pharmacists, has co-authored multiple publications and is a member of the editorial board in HIV/AIDS of The Annals of Pharmacotherapy and a reviewer of major pharmacology journals. She has received multiple awards for her expertise and specialization.

As evidenced by her clinical expertise and leadership in supporting the Public Health Service mission to promote health and the increased understanding of pharmacotherapeutics for HIV/Aids, the PharmPAC is honored to have her as this year's recipient of the Allen J. Brand Clinical Pharmacist of the Year award.